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Italy's contract with Austria grows.

One week from to-day the veterans will be marching. Give them a welcome.

Already the battle of Verdun has lasted nearly as long as the entire hostilities in the Spanish-American war back in 1898.

Birrell seems to have been too trusting a soul for the position of secretary for Ireland or for any other position except the care of sheep.

Information comes that the British troops are using Estey organs in the trenches. We did not know the Brattleboro product was so deadly as all that.

The cross-mountain highway from Bethel to Rutland is said to be in the best condition for a long time. But are the highwaymen in equally good condition?

The seizure of 16,000 Italians during the past week is not calculated to lighten Austria's burden of supplying food, a burden which was heavy enough when Austrians alone were taken into consideration.

It would have been \$33.55 cheaper for the Leyden, Mass., man had he secured a fishing license before dropping his line in a Vermont brook, for that was the difference between the cost of compliance with the law at the outset and the cost as assessed by the Brattleboro municipal court.

The Woonsocket policeman who set four fires along his beat and then promptly rang in an alarm, trying thereby to get a reputation for fidelity to duty which would secure promotion, must have been a queer specimen to guard the peace of that community. It is a wonder that a person with such a mental slant is able to secure so responsible a position as a policeman.

We are glad that the destruction of property in Groton by fire last Sunday was no more widespread than it turned out to be, serious as it was. With the wind scattering the firebrands over a wide territory and with as many as half a dozen houses catching fire at intervals, the results might easily have been so serious as to handicap the village for quarter of a century.

If the Taft men of 1912 are preparing, as is reported, to stampede for Theodore Roosevelt in 1916 they have undergone a wonderful mental transformation in four years. Indeed, such a change would be so remarkable that there is reason for serious doubt as to the accuracy of the report. The Taft men would be far more likely to turn to Charles E. Hughes as representing more nearly their type of a desired candidate.

The Russian troops again demonstrated their ability to make military surprises by forming a junction with British forces east of Kut-el-Amara days, perhaps weeks, ahead of the expected time of their arrival. In fact, the speed displayed by them in the Mesopotamian region gives rise to suspicion that the czar is extremely anxious to be ready to divide equally with Great Britain the spoils of war should the entente allies' campaign in the east turn out successfully, as it now seems likely to do. At any rate the efforts of the Russians have been strained to place their army in a position to strike at Bagdad along with their British co-workers in a very rich field of military operation. As far as military success is concerned, there can be no gainsaying that the Russians have earned at least an even division of such spoils as may be taken.

THE WORK OF THE "WAYSIDE WARDENS."

The work which the "wayside wardens" have set out for themselves is very important, and it is to be hoped that the ladies who are enlisted in the plan of beautifying the roadside from Waterbury to Williamstown will receive the courteous consideration that their public spiritedness merits. The work is almost interminable because of the long strip of territory embraced in the ambitious plan and because of the necessity of keeping constantly at the campaign; yet, well done, the work cannot fail to be especially advantageous from several standpoints. Any assistance that can be rendered by property owners along the main highway from Waterbury to Williamstown, and also by municipal and town corporations, no doubt would be gladly welcomed by the sponsors for the campaign and the results would prove of no slight benefit. An attractive highway along this important section of tourist travel would be a distinct asset.

NOT INSTRUCTED FOR HUGHES—YET.

While there is no doubt of the recommendation to the delegates from Vermont to the Republican national convention, as made in the recent preferential primary, it is inaccurate to say that the delegates from Vermont have been instructed to vote for Hughes, as several

newspapers in Boston and New York have interpreted the situation. For instance, the Boston Transcript remarks: "The primaries in Oregon and Vermont, where the victory for Hughes was decisive, insure 18 delegates in the convention instructed to vote for his nomination from the first ballot, the Vermonters having written his name on the ballot. It will be the distinction of these delegates to form the nucleus of the Hughes strength at Chicago, for they will bring to the convention a mandate from the people which neither Mr. Hughes himself nor the politicians opposed to him have been able to head off."

That statement is somewhat wide of the truth as far as an expressed mandate from the people, or instructions, is concerned. The primary which Vermont held was merely preferential and carried no strength whatever except in so far as it might be considered recommendatory. The real pledging of the Vermont delegation, if such there is to be, will take place at the Republican state convention in Montpelier on May 28. For the present time, the delegates-to-be are free.

CURRENT COMMENT

Brattleboro's Distinction.

Brattleboro may not be actively engaged in the manufacture of munitions or war supplies for the belligerent countries, but the Estey Organ company has received advices from its London office that many of the small portable Estey organs are in every day use in the British trenches. The company received notice from the chief of transportation stating that an organ addressed to one of its held at shipping point because it slightly exceeded the limit of weight for parcel post packages going to soldiers at the front. In this connection it is interesting to note that in a recent report of the activities of the Y. M. C. A. in the European war countries, one of the secretaries, who is working among the German prisoners at a camp in Voeny Gorbok, Siberia, in referring to the religious meetings held under the direction of the Y. M. C. A., said: "After considerable search, I dug out of a private family in the city an old Estey harmonium made in Brattleboro, Vermont, of the vintage of 1876, but still useful." The papers which are always knocking Brattleboro for claiming connection with every event of world-wide interest are kindly asked to note this paragraph.—Brattleboro Reformer.

The Despair of Politicians.

Oregon follows the example of Vermont, proving anew the soundness of the conclusion of Colonel George Harvey that "nobody is for Hughes—nobody but the people." Although the count is not complete the returns thus far received indicate that the people of Oregon in a regular primary have given Hughes a clear majority of fifteen thousand over Cummins and Burton combined, and that the plurality of Hughes over Cummins, the next highest candidate, will approximate twenty-five thousand. This is the first state in which the name of Hughes was printed on the ballot. Its appearance was due to a decision of the Oregon supreme court that the urgent request of Mr. Hughes that his name be removed from the ballot could not be granted under the law in the face of the petition of the people to the contrary. Both Cummins and Burton campaigned in every part of the state, and both had active workers in the field in their behalf. Not only did Mr. Hughes do his best to have his name removed from the ballot, but he had no organization working for him. His victory may well provoke to despair the professional politicians whose aim it is to be the middlemen between the public servants of the nation and the people who constitute the nation's only sovereignty. We must go back to the days of George Washington to parallel the proud achievement of Mr. Hughes, whose refusal to sanction the use of his name has only served to stimulate the popular demand for his conscription as the standard bearer of the opposition to President Wilson in the coming contest for the presidency. His belief that the presidency is an office which should not be sought and must not be declined was the belief of the first president. It is, we believe, the sentiment of many millions of Americans to-day.

The primaries in Oregon and Vermont, where the victory for Hughes was decisive, insure eighteen delegates in the convention instructed to vote for his nomination from the first ballot, the Vermonters having written his name on the ballot. It will be the distinction of these delegates to form the nucleus of the Hughes strength at Chicago, for they will bring to the convention a mandate from the people which neither Mr. Hughes nor the politicians opposed to him have been able to head off. The genuineness of this popular demand was manifested weeks ago when the Massachusetts legislature demonstrated to the country by the poll of its members that Hughes was the first choice of an overwhelming majority of the Republican members. The poll by the Literary Digest of the legislatures of the country showed the same strong preference for Hughes. These men are much more directly in touch with local sentiment than are the senators and representatives in Congress. While Congress has been cultivating booms for "favorite sons" of its own selection, the country has been doing its own thinking about the presidency, and the country has made up its mind that the next president shall be Hughes or Wilson.—Boston Transcript.

GEORGE B. MILNE.

From Scotland's heathered land he came
 When life was in its prime;
 The New World's hope had lured him on
 To seek our newer clime.

He wore no title, brought no wealth,
 Except the meekness given;
 The like of which, if multiplied,
 Would make the earth a heaven.

A generous soul as we have known
 And quietly he wrought;
 Whatever gift one hand might give
 The other knew it not.

None envied him what he had gained
 By honest toil and thrift;
 For many shared with him that gain
 By many a private gift.

"Here, Fellow, take it for the helm."
 Such was his Scottish burr;
 But kinder tone is rarely heard
 To set the heart astir.

Although the world may send us drugs
 It sometimes sends its heart,
 And such was he whom we have loved
 And now have laid to rest.

—J. W. G.



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RANDOLPH

Miss Beatrice Pinney left on Monday morning for Boston, where she will study another week with Arthur Foote, with whom she formerly studied for several months.

The headquarters of the Randolph telephone exchange was moved on Saturday night and is now located in the new rooms in the bank building, owned by the J. H. Lamson company. Four men were engaged all night in moving the furnishing and equipment, the change being made on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Bert Fielders came from Roxbury on Monday to see Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Laport, the latter being in very poor health. Mrs. Laport is Mr. Fielders' mother.

The work on the auditorium of the Methodist church is nearly completed, and it is expected that the main room will be ready for the services on Sunday next, when Memorial day will be observed.

Mrs. M. J. Osteyee, who has been in Springfield, Mass., and adjoining cities with her sons, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Vail have returned from a several weeks' stay in Pomfret at the Vail farm for a few days' stay in town before returning for a longer stay.

Mrs. W. F. Edson has been confined to the house for more than two weeks by serious trouble with one of her eyes, which has been very painful and troublesome.

WILLIAMSTOWN

The public in general and those who have parts in the Memorial day exercises in particular are asked to note that the procession will form at granite hall to march to the village cemetery at 11 o'clock in the forenoon on Memorial day, instead of at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

As in former years the members of William Wells post, G. A. R., will appear in making wreaths and bouquets for Memorial day and would ask that such offerings be left at the town hall on the evening of Monday, May 29, or early on the morning of the 30th.

Miss Lillian McNaney and Miss Gertrude Brady, teachers in the Barre schools and whose homes are in Bakersfield, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hoyt over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan of Burlington were in town last week and visited Mr. and Mrs. Albert Norris and James H. B. McMillan of the Mohawk lunch room.

Mrs. Emma Warner is visiting at John Trow's in Barre.

Mrs. Myra Norris was the guest of relatives of Albert Denison in Barre last Sunday. While there she had the unusual pleasure of eating sugar on snow, the snow coming from a bank some 100 feet long and in places four or five feet deep. We knew the spring was cold and late but never understood the reason till now.

The Mohawks played a team sailing under the Westerville flag the 23d and broke even with them, the score at the end of the nine innings standing 4 to 4.

Fitted for Married Life.

"Yes, grandma, I am to be married during the bright and gladsome Yuletide."

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THE VAUGHAN STORE

ORANGE

Mrs. Arthur Carpenter and son of Williamstown were guests at Royal Flinders' for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Peake and son spent the week end with relatives in East Montpelier.

The grange will hold a dance in the hall next Friday night. Refreshments served. Everyone cordially invited to attend.

EAST ORANGE

Mrs. Lizzie Corcoran was a Barre visitor last Friday.

Dr. Lamb of Bradford was in this place Monday on business.

George Simpson was in East Barre Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sanborn and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Prescott and daughter, Lyle, took an auto trip to Plainfield and Barre Saturday. Mr. Towner, who has been visiting in the place, went to Plainfield with them to visit at Will Prescott's for a time.

Charles Simpson was in Barre Monday on business.

Elwin Sanborn of Barre visited at Miss

Myra Eastman's Saturday and Sunday. E. L. Sanborn and family and Bernard Simpson and family were at E. L. Sanborn's cottage at Lake Morey Sunday. C. G. Simpson was in Bradford recently on business.

"I once knew an eccentric man," stated old Festus Foster, "who when he had got the desired number on the telephone did not demand merely, 'Whizz ziss!' Instead he invariably said civilly, 'This is John Poppendick wishing to speak to Mr. Buckover.' His funeral was the largest ever held in the neighborhood where he had resided, and the great strong men broke down and wept like children, being convinced that they would never again see his like."—Judge.

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 "GLORIA" "CORONATION HYMN"
 "YEOMAN'S WEDDING SONG"

STUDENTS' MATINEE, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON
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